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SUBJECT: TRANSFER TO TURKEY OF ADMIRAL'S BARGE

REF: ANKARA 4056

1. ADMIRAL'S BARGE CAN NOT REPEAT NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO
TURKISH NAVY UNDER FY 78 BLANKET OPEN END (BOE) CASE, SINCE
IT IS A SHIP AND NOT REPAIR PART OR COMPONENT. SIMILAR
BOE CASE YOU SIGHT IN FY FY 77 PD SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED
SHIPS. FURTHERMORE, SUCH TRANSACTION WOULD LIKELY BE
VIEWED IN CONGRESS AS CIRCUMVENTION OF STATUTORY RESTRIC-
TIONS. SALE OF VESSEL WOULD HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS
UNDER SHIP TRANSFER LEGISLATION (BYRD AMENDMENT) AS A
SEPARATE CASE, AND SECTION 620(X) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT
OF 1961, AS AMENDED, PERMITS LIMITED SALES TO TURKEY BUT
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ONLY AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE
BASIS. THUS EVEN IF ROOM REMAINED WITHIN FY 1978 \$175
MILLION CEILING ON FMS SALES TO TURKEY (WHICH THERE IS NOT),
SALE WOULD REQUIRE PD.

2. WE FURTHER WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SECTION 620(X)
REQUIRES PRESIDENT TO CERTIFY IN HIS DETERMINATION THAT

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PROPOSED FOR SALE TO TURKEY ARE
NECESSARY TO ENABLE THAT COUNTRY TO MEET ITS NATO DEFENSE

RESPONSIBILITIES. NECESSITY FOR ADMIRAL'S BARGE TO MEET
NATO MISSION IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE.

3. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THIS MATTER CLOSED FOR FY 78
UNLESS STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS REPEALED OR ALTERED. VANCE

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